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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 2 of first sheet)

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This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 52, 58, 59
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
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3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

see additional sheet

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.

2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.

3. ☒ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
1-42, 53-57

4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☒ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Continuation of Box II.2

Claims Nos.: 52,58,59

Claim 52 has no technical features. Claims 58 and 59 refer to the description and drawings without further specification of relevant technical features. Hence, for these claims a meaningful search is impossible.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure. If the application proceeds into the regional phase before the EPO, the applicant is reminded that a search may be carried out during examination before the EPO (see EPO Guideline C-VI, 8.5), should the problems which led to the Article 17(2) declaration be overcome.

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-42

Assembly of a body including an agent discharging an active gaseous substance, and a first holder having an accommodation space for the body and having a first wall being at least partially made of transparent or translucent material; and a holder for such an agent comprising a front wall and rear wall, whereby the front wall is at least partially made of transparent and translucent material.

2. claims: 43-50

Assembly of a body including an agent discharging an active gaseous substance, and a first holder having an accommodation space for the body, the body formed by a second holder having walls wherein at least one wall is made of a material moistenable by the liquid agent, whereby the wall prior to use is closed off by a covering layer provided with stripping means extending beyond the first holder.

3. claim: 51

Assembly of a body including an agent discharging an active gaseous substance, and a first holder having an accommodation space for the body, the body formed by a second holder having walls wherein at least one wall is made of a material moistenable by the liquid agent, wherein the second holder has a lip and the first holder has a passage allowing the second holder to be passed through

4. claims: 53-57

Assembly of a body including an agent discharging an active gaseous substance, and a first holder having an accommodation space for the body, wherein the first holder comprises two attachable parts made of different material.

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